

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

The Fairness Doctrine may be on a voluntary basis now, but Sinclair is obviously abusing that prerogative. I urge you to reconsider their renewal privilege, they are not serving their public.

And I ask you, if this kind of abuse is tolerable, what would it take for the FCC to not renew a license?

Your service of ensuring the availability of a balanced view for voters is vital to our democracy, please consider that in making your rulings regarding Sinclair.

Thank you.

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